A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) As the applicants were not instructed to form a Co-operative Society and to get it registered, the question of taking any specific steps subsequent to the issue of such instructions does not arise. It may, however, be added that the request for the grant of lands is under consideration.

Providing of a High School building at Bhalki in Bidar District.

**Q.*—417. Sri S. BHIMANNA (Bhalki).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the strength of students in the Government High School at Bhalki in Bidar District ;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the fact that there is no High School building at Bhalki, and the High School classes are being run in the old ruined Middle School building which was constructed about forty years back ;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that due to lack of accommodation in the said building, High School classes are being taken in different places being at a considerable distance from the present building, which is the main cause of failure of the standard of the students ;

(*d*) whether any representation was made to the Government in this respect to provide a High School building at Bhalki, and if so, what steps Government have taken so far in the matter ?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) 480.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The High School classes of Bhalki are run in two buildings as it is a composite High School. Lack of accomodation is not the cause of failure of the standard of the students.

(*d*) Yes. Construction of three additional class rooms has been sanctioned. A proposal for a new building is also under consideration.

[Leave of Absence to Sri M. Krishnappa.]

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri M. Krishnappa, a member of the Assembly, requesting leave of absence from attending all the current sittings of the Assembly due to his ill-health. Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted to Sri M. Krishnappa for being absent from attending all the current sittings of the Assembly ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.